

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Please amend the carryover paragraph between pages 18 and 19 as follows:

The piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10 and the piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 11 are connected to each other via a common pipeline 13 for fluid communication. The common pipeline 13 is connected to a tank pipeline 14 for returning hydraulic fluid to the hydraulic fluid tank 15 when the amount of hydraulic fluid in the common pipeline 13 is excessive and for sucking hydraulic fluid from the pressure tank 15 when the amount of hydraulic fluid in the common pipeline 13 is insufficient. The common pipeline 13 is provided with a check/one-way valve 16 at a portion 13a1 located adjacent the piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10 and between the tank pipeline 14 and the piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10 and with a check valve 17 at a portion 13a2 located adjacent the piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 11 ~~11a~~ for preventing hydraulic fluid from returning toward the tank pipeline 14.